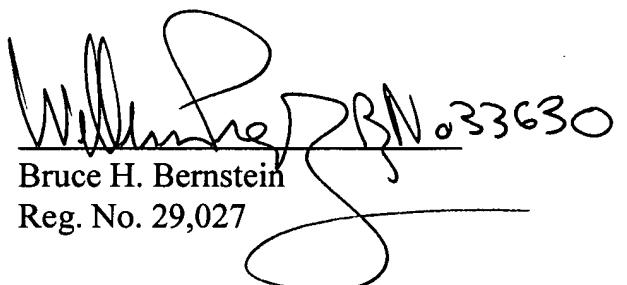


REMARKS

The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the foregoing amendment prior to examination of the above-identified patent application.

Should there be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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Please amend the first full paragraph on page 1 as follows:

---CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

The present disclosure relates to subject matter contained in Japanese Patent Application No. [2001-059435] 2001-059345, filed on March 2, 2001, the disclosure of which is expressly incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.---